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MENTARY MEETINGS ON THE ECONOMY

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1. BY THE END OF LAST WEEK, ALL THE PARTIES THAT SUPPORT
THE MINORITY GOVERNMENT RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO DC CHAMBER
PICCOLI'S JAN 9 COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR PERIODIC MEETINGS IN
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PARLIAMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HEADS (ASSISTED BY
ECONOMIC ADVISORS) TO DISCUSS MAJOR ISSUES. PICCOLI'S INITIA-
TIVE RESPONDED TO PRESSURES FROM THE LEFT, PRINCIPALLY THE PRI
AND THE PSI, FOR AN ECONOMIC SUMMUT OF PARTY SECRETARIES TO
COORDINATE THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM.
THE DC (AND THE LIBERALS) HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE PRO-
POSAL, FEARING THAT IT COULD ALTER THE FRAGILE POLITICAL

BALANCE BY COMPROMISING THE GOVERNMENT'S LEADERSHIP ROLE.

2. IT APPEARS THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HEADS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JAN 22. IT WILL FOCUS ON THE ECONOMY WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE COST OF LABOR, INVESTMENT POLICY, PUBLIC FINANCE, AND THE INDUSTRIAL RECONVERSION LAW. THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.

3. PICCOLI TOLD THE DCM RECENTLY THAT IN MAKING THE PROPOSAL HE HAD BEEN MINDFUL OF THE PCI'S INSISTANCE, WHEN THE ANDREOTTI "MONOCOLORE" WAS FORMED LAST AUGUST, THAT THE "CONFRONTO" BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND THE GOVERNMENT TAKE PLACE IN PARLIAMENT. SINCE THEN, PICCOLI SAID, THE PCI HAS SAID LITTLE ABOUT THE PRIMACY OF PARLIAMENT, PREFERRING TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN ON LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS AND PROPOSALS IN INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OUTSIDE THE FORMAL FRAMEWORK OF PARLIAMENT. PICCOLI SAID THAT HIS INITIATIVE (WHICH THE DC HAS FULLY SANCTIONED) WOULD AVOID THE POLITICAL PITFALLS INHERENT IN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEETINGS AT THE PARTY SECRETARY LEVEL BY MOVING THE VENUE (AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION) TO PARLIAMENT.

4. COMMENT: SO FAR, THE PICCOLI COMPROMISE HAS NOT ELICITED ANY PARTICULAR CONTROVERSY OR ENTHUSIASM. AS A REFLECTION OF THE PRESENT POLITICAL STALEMATE, IT DOES LITTLE TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF EITHER THE DC OR THE PCI. IT SHELVES ONCE MORE, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, THE LEFT'S BID FOR "EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT-STYLE" CONSULTATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE IT EXALTS THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT, NO PARTY COULD REALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TURN IT DOWN. MUCH WILL DEPEND, OF COURSE, ON HOW THE VARIOUS PARTIES INTEND TO USE THE RESTRICTED PARLIAMENTARY MEETINGS. SINCE THE BASIS FOR THE PROPOSAL WAS DIVERSIONARY, NO ONE SEEMS TO EXPECT MUCH TO COME OUT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY MEETINGS. VOLPE

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